

made previous to issuing commission. insure its proper working, the Lieutenant-Governor in council may require from the city of Montreal, before issuing such commission, a deposit in money of a sum deemed necessary and sufficient for that purpose, which sum, if it become insufficient during the course of the inquiry, shall be increased upon notice to that effect to the said city by the president of the commission.

Coming into force.

15. This act shall come into force by order in council passed upon demand made by resolution of the council of the city of Montreal ;

Proclamation for that purpose.

Such coming into force shall be rendered public by proclamation published in the Quebec Official Gazette and in four newspapers published in the city of Montreal, two in French and two in English, at least eight days before the commencement of the inquiry.

C A P . L V I .

An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Montreal.

[Assented to 18th May, 1887.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS the corporation of the city of Montreal has, by its petition, represented that it has become necessary, in order to meet new engagements contracted in view of the epidemic of last year, to modify the acts concerning the said corporation, to extend the electoral franchise, and to make other alterations in the interest of the inhabitants of the said city ;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

Franchise of husbands separated as to property from their wives.

1. The husband of any woman, under the law of separation as to property, shall be entitled to vote at the municipal elections of the said city of Montreal, when she shall be seized and possessed, either as proprietor or usufructuary, of real estate of a sufficient value to qualify to vote under the charter of the said city, and she shall possess the other qualifications required of electors by the said charter.

Franchise of widows and spinsters.

2. Widows and spinsters of lawful age, being owners of real estate of a sufficient value, and possessing the qualifications required of electors by the act 37 Victoria, chapter 51, shall be entitled to vote at the municipal elections of the said city ; and, for that purpose, their names shall be registered in the voters' list, like those of other electors.

3. The last paragraph of section 10 of the act 48 Vic-48 Vc. c. 7 s.
toria, chapter 67, is replaced by the following: 10 amended.

“ Provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall prevent the said board from erasing from the said list the name of any person that may appear on the said list as not having paid his taxes or assessments on or before the preceding first day of January, as directed by law, or to be dead at the time of the revision of the said list, or whose name may have been erroneously included twice in the list of any one ward ; neither shall it prevent the said board correcting any mistake made in the name of any voter inserted in the said list, or from adding to, or removing from, the said list, any intermediate name that may have been erroneously omitted from, or added to the said list, or from correcting any obviously clerical error in the name, residence, or occupation of any elector in the said list ; provided also, that the said list shall be finally revised before the ten days immediately preceding that fixed for voting at the municipal elections, and provided no person's name shall be struck off the said list without notice being given him to that effect by the city clerk, in order that he may have an opportunity to maintain his rights.

Power of board to erase certain names for list.

To correct errors.

Final revision.

Notice to parties.

But the necessity of such notice shall not apply when the name of such elector shall be followed by the capital letters mentioned in section 29 of the act 37 Victoria, chapter 51, shewing that he has failed to pay his taxes or assessments.

Proviso.

4. At any time after the final revision of the voters' list at the date prescribed by section 10 of the act 48 Victoria, chapter 67, and until the close of the election, on the first day of March of each year, any purely clerical error that may be found in the names of the electors, or in the appending by the treasurer of the capital letters at the end of the names of the electors, as required by section 29 of the above cited act, 37 Victoria, chapter 51, may be corrected upon the joint order of any member of the board of revisors and the city clerk ; and, on presentation of such order to the returning officer to whom it may be addressed, the latter shall allow the elector named in the said order to vote, provided that nothing herein contained shall be held as authorizing the revisors, or any of them, to strike out the name of any elector entered on the said list, or to add thereto the name of any elector not already entered thereon.

Correction of clerical errors after final revision.

Duty of returning officer.
Proviso.

5. In cases when rate payers indebted for special assessments are entitled to pay such assessments by instalments distributed over a certain number of years or over periods of time of less duration, the prescription of such asses-

Prescription of taxes in certain cases.

ments for the privilege as well as for the debt itself shall begin to run only from the time fixed for each payment of such assesment.

Suspension of prescription provided for in 42-43 V., c. 53 s. 11.

The prescription provided for in section 11 of the act 42-43 Victoria, chapter 53, shall be suspended for the privilege as well as for the debt itself during the judicial proceedings which may arise on contestation of assesments, ordinary or special, so long as the said proceedings shall not have been terminated by the court ; but these judicial proceedings in virtue of section 12 of the act 42-43 Victoria, chapter 53, shall be summary as well as all proceedings allowed by that section of the said statute, according to such rules of practice as the court before which the case comes makes on the subject.

Notice of sale under 46 V., c. 78, s. 11, to be given by sheriff to registrar.

6. As soon as the sheriff has published in the Quebec Official Gazette the first notice of a sale of any immoveable, in virtue of section 11 of the act 46 Victoria, chapter 78, he shall forward to the registrar of the registration division in which such immoveable is situate a notice of such sale, by sending him in a registered letter a printed copy of the notice of such sale required by the said act, and the registrar shall act upon such notice in the manner in which he is required to act upon notices of sales of immoveables by the said sheriff in conformity with the act 43-44 Victoria, chapter 25.

Duty of registrar upon receipt thereof.

Statute labor tax abolished. 39 V. c. 52 s. 1 § 4 and so much of 37 V., c. 52, s. 29, referring thereto, repealed. Power to borrow certain sum for certain purposes.

7. The tax hitherto known by the name of *composition money*, *commutation money*, or *statute labour*, is set aside, and paragraph 4 of section 1 of the act 39 Victoria, chapter 52, and all that relates to the said tax in section 29 of the act 37 Victoria, chapter 51, are repealed.

8. It shall be lawful for the said corporation of the city of Montreal to effect a loan for a sum, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars, for the erection of markets and police and fire stations, for the repayment of the expenses incurred owing the epidemic of 1885, and for other necessary purposes ;

Formalities to be observed.

This loan may be made without any other formalities than those prescribed by the act 37 Victoria, chapter 51, sections 115, 116, 117, 118 and sub-section 2 of section 119 *mutatis mutandis* ; provided that the sum mentioned be comprised in and considered as forming part of the fourteen million, eight hundred and seventy thousand dollars, which the corporation of the said city is already authorized to borrow in virtue of the act 37 Victoria, chapter 51.

Proviso.

Basis of valuation for assessment on certain property.

9. The council of the said city is hereby authorized to fix an amount as the basis of valuation, during a given number of years, not to exceed twenty-five years, for the assessments to be levied on property in the city held by any railway company to be used as workshops for the

manufacture, on a large scale, of cars, locomotives, or machinery.

10. The municipal By-law, bearing the number 129, By-law No. 129 confirmed. passed by the council of the said city on the 21st day of November, 1881, and entitled: "By-Law concerning the Abattoirs," is hereby declared valid and obligatory, from the date of its passing, and the same is sanctioned and confirmed to all intents and purposes, except, however, in so far as it relates to the location of the Eastern public abattoir, which, although erected beyond the limits of the said city, is now included within the said limits, in consequence of the annexation of Hochelaga to the city of Montreal; and except also as to any other public abattoir now situated outside of the city limits, but which may, eventually, come within the said limits, in consequence of the annexation of other municipalities or parts of municipalities, in which such abattoirs are established.

The present enactment shall not invalidate the By-laws Nos. 137 and 147, by which the said By-law No. 129 is By-laws No. 137 and 147 not invalidated. amended.

11. Subsection 6 of section 23 of the act 37 Victoria, 37 V. c. 51 s. 6 replaced. chapter 51 is replaced by the following:

"6. No tenant, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote at any such election, unless he shall, previously to the first Tenants' right to vote. day of January next before the holding of such election, have paid the amount of all rates and assessments, and of every tax, duty or impost, (special assessments for drain and local improvements excepted) imposed by any by-law now in force, or that may hereafter be in force in the said city, that may be due and payable by him.

The present enactment shall not apply to proprietors, Proviso. in so far as the non-payment of any ordinary, annual assessment due by them to the city is concerned."

12. This act shall come into force on the day of its Coming into force. sanction.

C A P . L V I I .

An Act further to amend the acts incorporating the City of Quebec.

[Assented to 18th May, 1887.]

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Quebec, by resemble. its petition, has prayed for amendments to its divers acts of incorporation, and whereas it is expedient to accede thereto;